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SUBJECT: NOVEMBER 9, 1973 EA PRESS SUMMARY

INDOCHINA

1. STATE DEPT. OFFICIALS DENY KENNEDY CHARGES THAT DOS AND DOD SECRETLY HELPED ESTABLISH CAMBODIAN POLITICAL POLICE OPERATION. SENATOR, IN LETTERS TO SECSTATE AND SECDEF, DEMANDED INFO ON WHAT HE SAID WAS US-FINANCED "PUBLIC SAFETY" PROGRAM. CHARGES SAID TO BE BASED ON RECENT GAO REPORT THAT SAID US ECON AND MIL. AND NARCOTICS CONTROL FUNDS GOING TO KHMER POLICE. DOS OFFICIALS SAID THERE IS NOTHING SECRET ABOUT CONTRIBUTION, MADE AT TIME OF CONCERN FOR US PRISONERS WHO MAY HAVE BEEN HELD IN CAMBODIA. AID WAS EQUIPMENT FOR POLICE ASSIGNED TO GUARD US EMBASSY, EQUIPMENT FOR NARCOTICS AGENTS AND FUNDS TO IMPROVE GKR POW FACILITIES(20).

2. GRENADE BLAST IN RESTAURANT KILLS CHILD, WOUNDS 12, IN SEVENTH TERRORIST INCIDENT IN PP AREA IN 1. DAYS (UPI, NYDN; PHINQ). AP REPORTS THAT IN PEKING BROADCAST MONITORED IN TOKYO, SIHANOUK'S GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE CALLED UPON KI TO "COMPLETE CAMBODIA'S LIBERATION" IN COMING DRY-SEASON (NYDN).

3. GVN AND VC AGREE THAT RECENT HEAVY ATTACKS SIGNAL START OF THIRD INDOCHINA WAR. SAIGON SAYS ENEMY ASSAULTS ON GVN CAMBODIAN-BORDER CAMPS MARKED OUTBREAK, WHILE COMMUNISTS INSIST IT WAS BEGUN BY GVN AIR RAIDS ON VC "CAPITAL" AT LOC NINH. VC OFFICIALS BOYCOTTING PARIS AND SAIGON PEACE TALKS FOR NEXT 5 DAYS IN PROTEST AGAINST LOC NINH RAIDS (PHINQ; UPI, NYDN). VC OFFICE IN SAIGON SAYS RAIDS RESULTED IN OVER 100 CIVILIAN CASUALTIES, AND THAT PRG FORCES MAULED ARVN ALONG KHMER BORDER, PUTTING 3 BATTALIONS OUT OF ACTION AND CAPTURING 100 SOLDIERS, 20 VEHICLES AND HUNDREDS OF WEAPONS. GVN SPOKESMAN SAYS CIVILIAN TARGETS AT LOC NINH NOT HIT, AND THAT 400 ARVN SOLDIERS HAVE STRAGGLED TO SAFETY FROM BU PRANG, BU BONG UNCLASSIFIED

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AND DAK SONG (PHINQ; UPI, NYDN; WP; CSM; AP NYT, SUN, CHITRIB; REUTER). ICCS SOURCES SAY COMMISSION AGREED TO INVESTIGATE BIEN HOA ATTACK AND LOC NINH RAIDS IN EARLY DECISION THAT SURPRISED DIPLOMATIC SOURCES AFTER RUMBLINGS IN ICCS OF POSSIBLE CRISIS OVER WHAT ACTION TO TAKE IN VIEW OF DETERIORATING MILITARY SITUATION (REUTER).

4. RADIO SAIGON SAYS ARVN PULLED BACK SEVERAL MILES IN QUANG DUC TO ESTABLISH NEW DEFENSE LINE. NVA KEEPS UP CAMPAIGN THAT MILITARY SOURCES SAY IS DESIGNED TO OPEN NEW SUPPLY CORRIDOR DOWN SVN WESTERN BORDER (AP). MILITARY SOURCES SAY GVN TASK FORCE, ATTEMPTING RECAPTURE STRETCH OF ROUTE 14 ALONG CAMBODIAN BORDER, ATTACKED BY NVA (REUTER).

5. VUONG VAN BAC, GVN AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN AND DELEGATE TO 1968 PARIS PEACE TALKS APPOINTED FONMIN REPLACING TRAM VAN LAM (WP; AP, NYDN).

6. REUTER REPORTS FROM HK THAT RADIO HANOI HAS ACCUSED US OF SENDING RECON AIRCRAFT INTO DRV AIRSPACE, OVER "A NUMBER OF MUNICIPALITIES AND PROVINCES INCLUDING HANOI AND HAIPHONG", IN VIOLATION OF PARIS AGREEMENT.

CHINA

7. REUTER (PEKING) REPORTS "HIGH-POWERED" 10-MAN US DELEGATION, REPRESENTING NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR US-CHINA TRADE, LEFT PEKING FRIDAY AFTER 4 DAYS OF TALKS WITH CCPIT. THURSDAY DELEGATION MET WITH VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN AND CHAIRMAN OF HOST GROUP; US DELEGATION LEADER SAID TALKS WENT VERY WELL. GROUP WILL VISIT SHANGHAI, HANGCHOW AND CANTON BEFORE GOING TO HK LATE NEXT WEEK.

8. IN HK, SUN'S ISAACS SAYS PRC IS CARRYING OUT MAJOR CAMPAIGN TO EXPAND AND UPGRADE LOCAL MILITIA FORCES. IN RHINESE PRESS, CAMPAIGN USUALLY IS RELATED TO THREAT OF FOREIGN INVASION, PARTICULARLY FROM SOVIET; HOWEVER, CAMPAIGN ALSO SEEMS TO BEAR ON INTERNAL CHINESE POLITICS, WITH MILITIA BEING DEVELOPED AS POSSIBLE UNCLASSIFIED

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COUNTERFORCE TO REGULAR ARMED FORCES.

9. HK BUSINESSMEN ARE CONSIDERING EXPORTING CHINESE BICYCLE TO US; OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES LIKE BIKES, HIKE IMPORTS (AFP, WP).

JAPAN

10. CSM'S POND, IN TOKYO, REPORTS WESTERN SOURCES SAYING ARABS ARE PRESSING GOJ TO BREAK DIPLOMATICALLY WITH ISRAEL, PROVIDE ARABS WEAPONS AND LOBBY US INTO MORE PRO-ARAB POSTURE. SOURCES SAY ARABS' PRESSURE GREATER ON JAPAN THAN ON ANY EUROPEAN COUNTRY, BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE JAPANESE MORE LIKELY ACCEDE TO THEIR DEMANDS. BUT FOR TIME BEING, GOJ STILL SITTING ON FENCE. NYT'S HALLORAN REPORTS GAIMUSHO SPOKESMAN KURODA CONFIRMING PRESSURES FROM ARABS PRIVATELY, BUT SAYING GOJ DIPLOMATIC BREAK WITH ISRAEL IS INCONCEIVABLE, THERE WILL BE NO EMBARGO ON TRADE WITH ISRAEL AND SALE OF ARMS TO ARABS IS OUT OF QUESTION. HALLORAN SAYS DEVELOPING ME POSITION IS ONE OF FEW INSTANCES SINCE WWII IN WHICH GOJ HAS TAKEN STAND ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUE. BUT WP'S OBERDORFER, ALSO IN TOKYO, DETECTS THAT JAPAN HAS BEGUN TO TILT ITS DIPLOMATIC POSTURE TOWARD ARAB

SIDE. SAYS SOME ELEMENTS OF JAPANESE OIL IMPORTING COMPLEX ARE REPORTEDLY ADVOCATING "SUSPENSION" OF RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL UNTIL TEL AVIV COMPLIES WITH UN RESOLUTIONS REGARDING CONQUERED TERRITORY. STRESSES THAT GOVT. AND INDUSTRY HAVE DONE LITTLE TO DEAL WITH POTENTIAL DOMESTIC IMPACT OF OIL CRISIS. NOTES JAPAN IS MOST DEPENDENT OF ALL INDUSTRIALIZED STATES ON ARAB OIL AND THEREFORE MOST VULNERABLE.

11. JOC CULLISON REPORTS MITI VICE MINISTER INAMURA SAYING JAPAN MAY PAY 6 BILLION DOLLARS FOR CRUDE OIL IMPORTS THIS FISCAL YEAR, COMPARED WITH 4 BILLION

DOLLARS IN PREVIOUS FISCAL PERIOD, DUE TO CUTBACKS IN PRODUCTION ORDERED BY ARAB OIL PRODUCING STATES.

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12. REUTER QUOTES DR. PEPPER CO. ANNOUNCEMENT GOJ VALIDATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND NEGOTIATIONS COMPLETED FOR FORMATION OF DR. PEPPER JAPAN LTD. -- JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN IT AND TOKYO COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO. LTD. (LAT, NOV. 7).

KOREA

13. DEMANDING RELEASE OF STUDENT LEADERS ARRESTED IN ANTI-GOVT. DEMONSTRATION LAST MONTH, 5000 SEOUL NATIONAL U STUDENTS PARTICIPATED THURSDAY IN GROWING PROTEST STRIKE (AFP, WP). ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP, DEAN OF PROTESTANT THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND BUDDHIST PRIEST AMONG GROUP OF SK INTELLECTUALS AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS RECENTLY ARRESTED BY SEOUL POLICE AFTER ISSUING STATEMENT DENOUNCING PARK "DICTATORSHIP," RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE NOTES (WP).

14. SK JOURNALIST JULIE MYUNG-JA MOON, WHO HAS REPRESENTED VARIOUS KOREAN NEWS ORGANIZATIONS IN US FOR 12 YEARS, SAYS SHE IS RESIGNING FROM BROADCASTING CO. RATHER THAN RETURN HOME AS ORDERED BY HER HOME OFFICE. CONTENTS SHE IS AFRAID OF PHYSICAL HARM FROM KCIA FOR REPORTING THAT UNDERSEC. PORTER HAD CRITICIZED ROKG ROLE IN KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE (UPI, NYT; NYDN). DECLARES SHE WILL ESTABLISH NEWS AGENCY HERE, US-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE (NYDN).

AUSTRALIA

15. WHITLAM THURSDAY CALLED PRES. NIXON'S WORLDWIDE ALERT OF US FORCES DURING MIDEAST CRISIS "AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR DOMESTIC US CONSUMPTION" (WP; CSM; NYT'S TRUMBULL, IN SYDNEY). ANSWERING QUESTIONS WHETHER US BASES IN AUSTRALIA HAD BEEN ALERTED DURING CRISIS AND WHETHER CANBERRA HAD BEEN CONSULTED, WHITLAM SAID HE DID NOT KNOW (CSM). TRUMBULL CITES PM SAYING

HE HAD NOT BEEN ADVISED ABOUT US ALERT.

16. FURTHER REPORTING WHITLAM'S NATIONAL TV SPEECH, TRUMBULL CITES PM SAYING AUSTRALIA WOULD BE "HONEST BROKER" AMONG POWERS INTERESTED IN REGION, INCLUDING PRC. BUT HE EMPHATICALLY REJECTED SPECULATION IN AUSSIE PAPERS THAT HE ASPIRED TO BE INTERPRETER OF CHINESE ATTITUDES TO OTHER COUNTRIES, SAYING HE SPECIFICALLY UNCLASSIFIED

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REPUDIATED ANY SUCH IDEA AT OUTSET OF TALKS WITH

CHOU. WHITLAM SAID HE WILL CONTINUE RECOGNIZING LON NOL GOVT. SO LONG AS IT EXISTS AND IS IN UN.

SEA ECONOMIES

17. ARRIVING IN HK WEDNESDAY WITH FIRST CHICAGO CORP. DIRECTORS ON CIRCUIT OF BANK'S BRANCHES, OFFICES AND SUBSIDIARIES IN SEA, BANK'S CHAIRMAN, GAYLORD FREEMAN, SAID MOST DRAMATIC THRUST IN WORLD'S ECONOMY OVER NEXT HALF-CENTURY WILL TAKE PLACE IN SEA'S DEVELOPING MARKETS. DECLARED HE AND BANK'S DIRECTORS HAVE SEEN EVIDENCE OF ASIA'S NEW DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THEIR JOURNEY, AND "IT WILL BE UNLIKE ANY THAT HAS GONE BEFORE, COMBINING HIGH TECHNOLOGY AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT WITH ASIA'S TREMENDOUS RAW MATERIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES" (JOC).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

18. CSM'S HARSCH SEES SECRETARY'S THEORY OF "LINKAGE" BEING PUT INTO OPERATION IN HIS VISIT TO ARAB CAPITALS AND PEKING. BY GOING TO CHINA, REMINDS MOSCOW THAT THIS IS AFTER ALL A THREE-CORNERED POWER WORLD AND THAT WASHINGTON CAN MOVE CLOSER TO PEKING IF MOSCOW ACTS TO WASHINGTON'S DISADVANTAGE. HARSCH RECALLS THAT WHEN THE SOVIETS WERE THINKING ABOUT MOVING AIRBORNE TROOPS TO CAIRO, WASHINGTON'S RESPONSE WAS TO ALERT US FORCES AND LET EVERYONE KNOW THAT SECRETARY WOULD BE GOING TO PEKING. THINKS PEKING TRIP CARRIED MORE WEIGHT IN MOSCOW THAN THE ALERT. IN AMPLIFICATION OF "LINKAGE" THEORY, HARSCH THINKS OUTCOME OF PEKING TALKS MIGHT INFLUENCE HANOI TO RECONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF MOUNTING AN OFFENSIVE IN SVN. CSM'S SAIKOWSKI VIEWS PEKING TRIP AS REFLECTION OF US STRATEGY TO MAINTAIN EVEN-HANDED APPROACH TOWARD CHINA AND USSR. EXPECTS ME PROBLEMS AND NATO RIFT, BOTH OF WHICH ARE WORRISOME DEVELOPMENTS TO THE CHINESE, TO BE DISCUSSED IN PEKING. UNCLASSIFIED

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AND WITH INDOCHINA THE "CRUX" OF US-PRC RELATIONS, THINKS IT LIKELY THAT HAK WILL REMIND CHINESE LEADERS THAT UNDER THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE THE PARTIES LOOK FORWARD TO REDUCED TENSIONS IN THE REGION. FAILURE TO STABILIZE SITUATION IN SVN AND CAMBODIA, HE MAY SAY, WILL AFFECT SINO-US RELATIONS. ASSERTS THAT WHILE PEKING'S PERCEPTION OF HOW PRESIDENT'S POLITICAL WOES AFFECT HIS ABILITY TO ACT STRONGLY IS UNKNOWN, GENERALLY BELIEVED IN WASHINGTON THAT TOUGH US RESPONSE TO USSR THREAT TO SEND TROOPS INTO ME WOULD HAVE HEARTENED THE CHINESE AND DEMONSTRATED THAT PRESIDENT CAN STILL ACT DECISIVELY. APART FROM MATTERS OF GLOBAL CONCERN, EXPECTS BILATERAL QUESTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED, INCLUDING EXCHANGES, TRADE AND CLAIMS, AS WELL AS OPERATION OF LIAISON OFFICES.

19. FROM MOSCOW, NYT'S WREN REPORTS ARTICLE IN NOV. ISSUE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REVIEW "INTERNATIONAL LIFE" CHANGING LEADERS OF LIBYA, TUNISIA AND MOROCCO WITH ECHOING PRC PROPAGANDA LINE THAT MOSCOW IS COLLABORATING WITH WASHINGTON TO IMPOSE SUPERPOWER HEGEMONY OVER ME. ALTHOUGH ARTICLE DEALT WITH THE ALGIERS NAC, IT PRESUMABLY REFLECTED SOVIET DISSATISFACTION WITH THE THREE ARAB STATES AFTER ME HOSTILITIES ERUPTED. QADDAFI WAS SINGLED OUT AS "MOST IRRESPONSIBLE" CRITIC OF SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY. HE AND TUNISIAN LEADERS HAD ARGUED THAT NONALIGNED COUNTRIES OUGHT

TO BE FREE OF IDEOLOGICAL TIES TO EITHER EAST OR WEST. ARTICLE CONTENTS SUCH VIEWS WERE PLANTED BY PEKING IN A TELEGRAM OF GREETINGS WHEN CONFERENCE CONVENED, AND OBSERVES THAT OSMAN OF MOROCCO REPEATED THE SUPERPOWER NOTIONS OF CHINA.

20. JOE ALSOP (WP) SEES BLEAK OUTLOOK FOR SEA (WHERE NVN OBJECTIVE APPEARS TO BE TO TEAR AWAY MR D), ME AND GUANTANAMO BAY BECAUSE OF IMPEACHMENT "FEVER". EXPRESSES VIEW THAT OUR ADVERSARIES HAVE BEGUN TO SCENT OUT HOW BADLY WATERGATE HAS WEAKENED UNCLASSIFIED

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THE PRESIDENT, WHO HAS SO OFTEN IN THE PAST PROVED HIS TOUGHNESS AND COURAGE IN THREATENING SITUATIONS OVERSEAS. CONTENTS THAT RIGHTEOUSNESS IS LESS URGENTLY IMPORTANT THAN THE VITAL US INTERESTS THAT ARE NOW THREATENED.

21. S-N'S BILLINGTON (NOV. 8) COVERS SOVIET EMBASSY'S OCT. REVOLUTION CELEBRATION. OBSERVES SOCIALIZING BETWEEN THE SOVIETS AND THE CHINESE, WHO HAVE KEPT COOL DISTANCES BETWEEN THEM AT MANY RECEPTIONS THESE PAST SEVEN MONTHS. DOBRYNIN WARMLY WELCOMED

PRCLO DEPUTY CHIEF HAN HSU, WHO "SMILINGLY IMPLIED" HIS PRESENCE WAS UNSURPRISING SINCE "WE HAVE FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS." HOWEVER, ACCORDING BILLINGTON, MANY RUSSIAN DIPLOMATS WERE SURPRISED. SOVIET JOURNALIST SAID HE ASKED THE CHINESE POINT-BLANK: "ARE YOU AFRAID OF THE SOVIET UNION?" AND RELAYED CHI CHAO-CHU'S ANSWER AS: "WE'RE NOT AFRAID OF ANYONE. BUT WE EXPECT AN ATTACK FROM THE SOVIET UNION OR THE UNITED STATES."

22. LAT'S JAMESON (NOV. 7) IN TOKYO REPORTS NOV. 6 SPECIALSTATEMENT BY CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY NIKAI DO WHICH REITERATED JAPAN'S "ABSOLUTE OPPOSITION TO EXPANSION OF TERRITORY BY MEANS OF FORCE" AND CALLED FOR RAPID IMPLEMENTATION OF SC RESOLUTION 242. STATEMENT - IN SOMEWHAT STRONGER TERMS THAN PREVIOUSLY, ACCORDING JAMESON - SHOWED JAPAN'S STRONG SUPPORT FOR ANOTHER UN RESOLUTION BACKING RIGHTS OF DISPLACED PALESTINE ARABS TO TERRITORY AND SELF-DETERMINATION. UNUSUAL ACTION, TAKEN WITH FULL CABINET APPROVAL, WAS LARGELY A REPETITION OF PREVIOUS JAPANESE PRONOUNCEMENTS, BUT FACT THAT JAPAN SAW FIT TO REPEAT STAND WAS WIDELY READ AS A NEW SHIFT TO A MORE PRO-ARAB STANCE THAN HAD BEEN TAKEN IN THE PAST. ACTION INSPIRED BY FEAR OF OIL SHUT-OFF, TO WHICH JAPANESE ARE RESPONDING

WITH PLEAS FOR REDUCTION IN DOMESTIC POWER CONSUMPTION.

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23. LAT'S MCARTHUR IN SAIGON CITES OIL EXPERTS AS PREDICTING THAT GASOLINE RATIONING WILL SOON BE IMPOSED IN SVN. SEN. KHIEU THIEU KE, MEMBER OF GOVERNMENT MAJORITY IN NEW SENATE, HAS PROPOSED THAT GVN PREPARE A STANDBY RATIONING SYSTEM; A MAJOR PART OF HIS PROPOSAL BARS YOUNGSTERS UNDER 18 FROM DRIVING MOTOR SCOOTERS, WHICH MAKE UP ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF VEHICLES IN SVN. PETROLEUM FOR THE MILITARY COMES IN THROUGH US MILITARY CHANNELS AND HAS ALREADY BEEN CUT BACK 40 PERCENT. LAST YEAR SVN SPENT 72 MILLION DOLLARS FOR CIVILIAN OIL IMPORTS; FIGURE IS HEADING TOWARD 95 MILLION DOLLARS THIS YEAR. REDUCTION IN CONSUMPTION WOULD LESSEN SEVERE DRAIN ON SVN'S DIMINISHING DOLLAR RESERVES.

24. LAT'S MARGARET KILGORE (NOV. 7) REPORTS THAT LA COUNTY IS SEEKING TO BE THE FIRST US REGION TO HOST A PRC TRADE FAIR IN 1974. PROPOSAL IS IN EARLY PLANNING STAGES, BUT DOS HAS GIVEN THE COUNTY LITTLE ENCOURAGEMENT TO PROCEED. SEATTLE ALSO BIDDING FOR TRADE FAIR AND LIKEWISE HAS RECEIVED LITTLE ENCOURAGEMENT - PARTLY BECAUSE THE CHINESE SO FAR

SEEM RELUCTANT TO SHOW THEIR WARES IN THE COMPETITIVE US MARKET. NEVERTHELESS, A COMMITTEE FROM THE COUNTY'S OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IS DRAFTING A SERIES OF PROPOSALS TO SUBMIT WITHIN 30 DAYS TO SECRETARY KISSINGER, THE CALIFORNIA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND PRCLO. IN A SEPTEMBER 24 LETTER TO THE COUNTY ECONOMIC DIRECTOR, PHILIP LINCOLN, "HEAD" OF D8S' CHINA DESK SAID "AT PRESENT, THERE ARE NO PLANS FOR A CHINA TRADE FAIR IN THE UNITED STATES." LINCOLN URGED LA COUNTY TO CONTACT THE NCUST.

25. WP'S OBERDORFER, IN SEOUL, REPORTS THAT DESPITE OFFICIAL ROKG EXPLANATION THAT SEOUL NATIONAL U LAW PROF. CHAE YONG KIL WAS CONFESSED SPY WHO COMMITTED SUICIDE WITH LEAP FROM MEN'S ROOM WINDOW, "SUSPICIONS ABOUND AMONG FOREIGN DIPLOMATS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC AS WELL AS HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS THAT THE FULL STORY HAS NOT BEEN TOLD. . .COMMON THEORY IN SEOUL IS THAT CHAE DIED OR WAS KILLED WHILE UNDERGOING UNCLASSIFIED

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ONE OF THE CIA'S SOMETIMES BRUTAL INTERROGATIONS." INTERVIEWS WITH KOREANS AND FOREIGNERS INDICATE "SEVERAL CURIOUS ASPECTS" TO CASE: CHAE'S ARREST FOLLOWED AN EARLY OCT. ANTI-GOVT. STUDENT

DEMONSTRATIONS; SO FAR, "NO SOLID EVIDENCE HAS BEEN PRESENTED" ABOUT ESPIONAGE ACTIVITY INVOLVING CHAE OR ANY OTHERS OF ALLEGED 45-MEMBER ESPIONAGE RING; CHAE APPEARS TO HAVE HAD NO ACCESS TO SECURITY INFORMATION; "HIGHLY UNUSUAL" IN SK OR ELSEWHERE THAT PERSONS UNDER ESPIONAGE INTERROGATION PERMITTED ACCESS TO TOILET IN MIDDLE OF NIGHT. OBERDORFER CONCLUDES THAT FULL FACTS OF CHAE'S DEATH MAY NEVER BE KNOWN. SK PRESS, AND TO EXTENT POLITICAL PARTIES, ARE EFFECTIVELY MUZZLED FROM ASKING QUESTIONS. CHAE'S FAMILY REPORTEDLY ADMONISHED NOT TO TALK AND THOSE WHO KNEW HIM ON CAMPUS ARE VIRTUALLY POWERLESS. RUSH

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